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In the Title section, "Gel-type drink composition" should be -- **Gel beverage** composition --.

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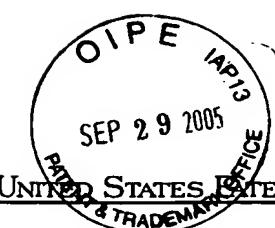
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Title

Gel Beverage
Gel-type-drink composition

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GEL BEVERAGE COMPOSITION

the application of which

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